

At this stage I understood that CID had attended the scene with Jason and declared the death as non-suspicious. This was an assessment that is always carried out by those in attendance at the scene and not one I would have an involvement in, I knew that had there been anything to indicate anything suspicious a HAT car would have been called for guidance and that had not been necessary in relation to this body.

Once I was aware that death was being dealt with as non suspicious it would not be usual for any work, actions or investigations to be done by my regarding this sudden death. It is protocol that I would look after the CRIS and deal with any actions raised by the Coroner as and when they arose. It would not be usual or common practise for me to be carrying out any investigations at this stage. I would always act under the coroner guidance.

It was actually unusual that a CRIS had been created as normally my role would have been to collate the statements ready for the coroner and then to respond to any actions from them. I believe at the time it made sense that DS Sweetman did this as the discovery of the body and the initial investigations had involved officers from different areas which is uncommon.

On 17th September during my night shift I travel to Dagenham to collect the paperwork in order to send to the coroner in due course. I finished at 7am on the 18th and I was annual leave for the 18th, 19th and 20th September. I did not have access to emails during that time and did not see the email that was sent by the coroner. When I returned to work on 21st September I was on a course at Bethnal Green police station with limited access to emails.

I think it is possible that I may have received an email from 101 notifying me that Donna Taylor was trying to contact me. This name did not mean anything to me and I assumed it was a message for DS Tanner who was based in CID so would have forwarded them on to them.

Signature

Date 16-09-2017

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